

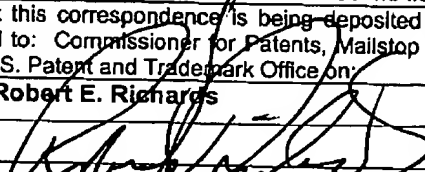
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<b>REQUEST FOR CONTINUED EXAMINATION (RCE) TRANSMITTAL</b>	
Subsection (b) of 35 U.S.C. § 132, effective on May 29, 2000, provides for continued examination of a utility or plant application filed on or after June 8, 1995	
Application Number	09/780,850
Filing Date	February 12, 2001
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Group Art Unit	1616
Examiner Name	B. Badio, Ph.D.
Attorney Docket Number	05213-0493 (43170-253692)

This is a Request for Continued Examination (RCE) under 37 C.F.R. § 1.114 of the above-identified application.  
**NOTE:** 37 C.F.R. § 1.114 is effective on May 29, 2000. If the above-identified application was filed prior to May 29, 2000, applicant may file a continued prosecution application (CPA) under 37 C.F.R. § 1.53(d) instead of a RCE to be eligible for the patent term adjustment provisions of the AIPA.

<b>1. Submission required under 37 C.F.R. § 1.114</b>	
a. <input type="checkbox"/> Previously submitted	
i. <input type="checkbox"/> Consider the amendment(s)/reply under 37 C.F.R. § 1.116 previously filed on (Any unentered amendment(s) referred to above will be entered)	
ii. <input type="checkbox"/> Consider the arguments in the Appeal Brief or Reply Brief previously filed on	
iii. <input type="checkbox"/> Other	
b. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Enclosed	
i. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Amendment/Reply	
ii. <input type="checkbox"/> Affidavit(s)/Declaration(s)	
iii. <input type="checkbox"/> Information Disclosure Statement (IDS)	
iv. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Other: <b>3-mth. extension of time; and Submission of Art and 100 references</b>	
<b>2. Miscellaneous</b>	
a. <input type="checkbox"/> Suspension of action on the above-identified application is requested under 37 C.F.R. § 1.103(c) for a period of _____ months. (Period of suspension shall not exceed 3 months; Fee under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(i) required)	
b. <input type="checkbox"/> Other	
<b>3. Fees</b> The RCE fee under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(e) is required by 37 C.F.R. § 1.114 when the RCE is filed.	
a. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Checks in the amount of \$750 and \$930 are enclosed for the following fees:	
i. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> RCE fee under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(e), REQUIRED when filing the RCE.	
ii. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Extension of time fee under 37 C.F.R. 1.136 and 1.17.	
b. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> The Director is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees, or credit any overpayments, to Deposit Account No. 11-0855	

SIGNATURE OF APPLICANT, ATTORNEY OR AGENT REQUIRED		
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Signature		Date July 28, 2003

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